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mentioned in a memorial to Government by the Tinnevelly District Association, dated 18th April 1933, has been received and whether the same will be placed on the table; and

(b) whether any action has been or is proposed to be taken in pursuance of the Tank Restoration Scheme proposals?

A.—(a) The report referred to has been received. It contains almost the same information as that contained in statement No. II which was placed on the table of the House with the answer to question No. 714, dated 20th March 1933. No useful purpose will therefore be served by placing the report on the table.

(b) The nine works mentioned in the memorial of the Tinnevelly District Association, dated 18th April 1933, will be taken up to the extent necessary when Tank Restoration Scheme operations are resumed. Meanwhile such repairs as are needed to keep the tanks and channels in a working order are being attended to by the regular Public Works Department staff.

Contributions by ryotwari landholders for repairs to irrigation works.

* 711 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to G.O. No. 773, Revenue, dated 2nd May 1933—

(a) whether the Board of Revenue has issued any and, if so, what instructions to Collectors in pursuance of the Government Order;

(b) whether the District Collectors have issued any instructions or orders for the guidance of their subordinates in pursuance of the above Government Order and, if so, whether he will be pleased to place copies of the same on the table of the House;

(c) what the expected annual income will be from the contributions to be realized under the Government Order; and

(d) whether it is a part of the irrigation policy of the Government to demand contributions for repairs of irrigation works from ryotwari landholders and whether the Government will be pleased to issue a communiqué explaining their policy in regard to contributions?

A.—(a) A copy [a] of the instructions issued by the Board of Revenue is attached.

(b) The Government have not the information.

(c) This cannot be estimated. The contribution expected from the ryots depends on the nature of the work and the merits of each case.

(d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 648. The Government do not consider it necessary to issue a Press Communiqué.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 408 infra.